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wherein R_1 , R_6 and R_7 are as defined in Claim 23.

26. A method of treating a viral infection in a mammalian species comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Claim 25.

REMARKS

The status of the parent application has been updated.

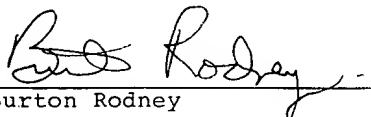
Restriction has been required between the claims wherein R_1 is a purine or pyrimidine. Applicants affirm their election of the purines of Group I but no longer traverse the requirement. Accordingly Claims 1 to 3 have been cancelled in favor of Claims 23 and 24 which limit R_1 to purines.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to present claims to the non-elected invention in a later filed divisional application.

Basis exists for newly added Claims 25 and 26 in the specification at pages 5 to 7 of the specification.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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